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Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) Rating: Buy Target Price Revision Metals and Mining

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# Assessment and Economic Study For Alto Paraná; Significant Upside Potential Under Stretch Scenario; Reit. Buy; PT Higher

			11/13/2023								
Price											
Price Target											
52-Week High											
52-Week Low											
Enterprise Value (M)											
Market Cap (M)											
Shares Outstanding (M)											
olume		8,242,688									
(M) 40.22											
Balance Sheet Metrics											
			\$51.8								
		\$0.0									
ire											
Cash (M): Includes inventories.											
2022A	20	023A	2024E								
0.02	(0	(0.01) 0.05									
Revenue (\$M)   Full Year - Jul 2022A 2023A 2024											
2022A	20	023A	2024E								
23.2 164.4 134.0											
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Initial assessment and economic study for Alto Paraná. On November 13, Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) announced that it had filed an Initial Assessment Technical Report Summary for the 100%-owned Alto Paraná project in Paraguay. We remind readers that Alto Paraná is one of the world's highest-grade ilmenite deposits, with a combined regional resource of 3.6Bt grading 7.3% TiO<sub>2</sub>. The base case economic scenario for the project yields an impressive \$419M post-tax net present value (NPV) (utilizing an 8% discount rate) and a 21% internal rate of return (IRR). Under this conservative scenario, the project is presently expected to yield about 150,000 tonnes (t) of high titania slag and 100,000t of high-purity pig iron per annum. We stress that this case assumes that 58% of the resources at site are Inferred, thereby making the study more conservative when compared with the stretch case below.

Significant economic opportunity under the stretch production case. Under the project's stretch production design, which assumes a rate of about 500,000 tpa of high titania slag and about 320,000 tpa of high-purity pig iron, Alto Paraná's NPV<sub>8</sub> increases to \$1.55B on a post-tax basis. Importantly, this less conservative case assumes that 86% of resources are Inferred. We also note that the project's IRR under this scenario grows to 25%. This is notable as initial capital expenditures for the stretch production case increase to \$918M, compared with just \$338M under the base case scenario. Unsurprisingly, the stretch case scenario provides more economic potential, while the base case scenario provides a more accommodating entry point. Longer-term, however, we see significant value potential as additional resources are eventually converted into a higher confidence category.

We reiterate our Buy rating on UEC while increasing our PT to \$8.25 from \$8.00. Our increased PT is a result of a greater value assigned to Alto Paraná. Given continued de-risking, we now assign a \$155M valuation for the project. This figure is based on a 0.1x value of the stretch production case NPV given the early-stage nature of the project. Importantly, our valuation for UEC remains primarily based on a DCF of future operations for the company as we utilize our unchanged discount rate of 7.5%. We then add an in situ value of \$693.6M for Roughrider, \$150.0M for UEC's Reno Creek assets, \$155.0M for Alto Paraná (previously: \$100.0M as discussed above), and an additional \$75.0M for Paraguay and UEC's other explorationstage assets. Importantly, we continue to model a fairly conservative value (when considering spot pricing) for UEC's Measured and Indicated (M&I) resources of \$12 per pound (lb), \$10/lb for Inferred resources for U.S.-based assets and Roughrider, as well as an estimated value for the firm's shares in Anfield (AEC.V; not rated) based on current market prices. In our view, these figures may even prove to be somewhat conservative when analyzing recent market multiples and continuous demand growth for U.S.-based uranium that has been affirmed by recent M&A.

**Risks.** (1) Uranium price risk; (2) operating and technical risk; (3) political risk (4) financial risk.

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All figures in USD\$ unless otherwise noted																				
					<u>2023E</u>		<u>2024E</u>		2025E		026E	202		2028E		<u>2029E</u>		2030E		2031E
Uranium price per Ib				\$	55	\$	60	\$	65	\$	65	\$ 1	55 ;	\$ 65	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65
Sales from inventory				s	3,150	s	1,500	\$		s	-	s -	-	s -	\$		s		s	
Total Revenue from Inventory sales				s	164,000			s	-	s		s -	-	s -	s		ŝ	-	s	-
Cost of Sales from Inventory		\$38		s	114,719			s	-	\$		s -		s .	ŝ		s	-	\$	-
Gross Profit from Inventory Sales		,		s	47,509			s		s		s.	-		s		ŝ	-	s	-
Palangana Production	('000s pounds)	)					300		340		200	:	50	-		-				-
Total Revenue ('000s)				\$	-	\$	18,000	\$	22,100	\$ 13	000	\$ 3,2	50 \$	ş.	\$		\$	-	\$	-
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Goliad Production	('000s pounds)	)					150		600		600	60		600		600		600		600
Total Revenue ('000s)				\$	-	\$	9,000	Ş	39,000	\$ 39	000	\$ 39,0	00 \$	\$ 39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$ 39,	9,000
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Burke Hollow Production	('000s pounds)	/			-		450		1,200 78,000		550	1,5		1,550	6 1	1,550	6 1	1,550		1,550
Total Revenue ('000s)				\$	-	\$	27,000	Ş	78,000	\$ 100	/50	\$ 100,7	50 ;	\$ 100,750	\$ 1	00,750	\$ 1	00,750	\$ 100,	.,750
Gross Revenue				\$	167,209	\$	136,500	\$	139,100	\$ 152	750	\$ 143,0	00 ;	\$ 139,750	\$ 1	39,750	\$ 1	39,750	\$ 139	9,750
10% Royalty Palangana ('000s)				\$	-	\$	1,800	\$	2,210	\$ 1	300	\$ 33	25 \$	\$-	\$		\$		\$	
8.25% Royalty Goliad ('000s)				\$		\$	743	\$	3,218	\$ 3	218	\$ 3,2:	18 5	\$ 3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$ 3,	3,218
Net Sales ('000s)				\$	167,209	\$	133,958	\$	133,673	\$ 148	233	\$ 139,4	58 5	\$ 136,533	\$ 1	36,533	\$ 1	36,533	\$ 136	5,533
Operating cost per lb				\$	18	\$	20	\$	16	\$	16	\$ :	16 \$	\$ 16	\$	16	\$	16	\$	16
Total Operating Costs ('000s)				\$	119,700	\$	75,000	\$	32,000	\$ 35	200	\$ 35,20	00 9	\$ 34,400	\$	34,400	\$	34,400	\$ 34,	1,400
Operating Income ('000s)				\$	47,509	\$	58,958	\$	101,673	\$ 113	033	\$ 104,2	8 9	\$ 102,133	\$ 1	02,133	\$ 1	02,133	\$ 102	2,133
CapEx ('000s)				\$	(5,000)	\$	(5,000)	\$	(1,000)	\$ (1	000)	\$ (1,00	00) \$	\$ (1,000)	\$	(1,000)	\$	(1,000)	\$ (1	1,000)
Taxes ('000s)	35.0%			s	-	\$		\$		\$ (19	606)	\$ (36,14	10) :	\$ (35,396)	\$ (	35,396)	\$ (	35,396)	\$ (35	5,396)
				Note: We assu	me tax loss carryforwards for FY22-25															—
Total Operating Cash Flow				\$	42,509	\$	53,958	\$	100,673	\$ 92	427	\$ 67,1:	17 ;	\$ 65,736	\$	65,736	\$	65,736	\$ 65	5,736
Discount Rate		7.5%																		
PV of Operating Cash Flows ('000s)				\$	42,509	\$	53,958	\$	93,649	\$ 79	980	\$ 54,02	27 \$	\$ 49,223	\$	45,789	\$	42,594	\$ 39	1,623
NPV	\$	495,701	\$ 1.28	per share																
Plus Non-Texas Projects (Including UEX)	\$	995,676	\$ 2.58	per share					0.7248	USD/CAL	excho	nge rate	s of .	11/3/23						
Plus U1A resources at \$12/lb and Inferred at \$10/lb	\$	494,600	\$ 1.28	per share																
Plus Roughrider resources at \$12/lb and Inferred at \$10/lb	\$	693,600	\$ 1.80	per share																
Plus Paraguay Assets	\$	75,000	\$ 0.19	per share																
Plus Cash and purchased Inventories.	\$	51,821	\$ 0.13	per share		as of 7/3	31/23													
Plus Reno Creek/North Reno Creek	\$	150,000	\$ 0.39	per share																
Plus Alto Parana Resources	\$	155,000	\$ 0.40	per share		0.1x of N	NAV under str	retch co	ase scenario.											
Ownership of Anfield Energy Inc. shares (AEC.V; not rated)	\$	5,233	\$ 0.01	per share		as of 11,	/13/2023													
Minus Debt		-	0.00	per share		as of 7/3	31/23													
Total Current Value	\$	3,146,782																		
Common Shares Outstanding		385,848	as of 9/28/23																	
NAV Per Share	\$	8.16																		
NPV/Share (Rounded to \$0.10/share)	\$	8.25																		
UEC Stock Price	\$	5.97	as of 11/3/2023																	
Source: HC Wainwright & Co. estimates.																				

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Neutral	60	9.54%	10	16.67%							
Sell	0	0.00%	0	0.00%							
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